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Naples, Sept. 29.

FRom *Messina* we have Advice that their new Governor had caused 30 persons, Inhabitants of that City, who were accused of evil practices against the Government to be banished; that the new Citadel, and the other Fortifications were continued with great diligence, and that the Governor was gone with the Viceroy of *Sicily*, to visit *Siracusa* and *Catanea*. The Foot that has been raised in this Kingdom for the service of the State of *Milan*, is ordered to remain here this winter.

Lisbon, Octob. 1. An Accident has lately happened which has very much disturbed this Court. The Prince Regent having ordered two Men of War, the *St. Francis* of 54 Guns, and the *Bonadventure* of 50, to cruize upon this Coast, they were no sooner out of this River, but they met a French Man of War, commanded by the Chevalier *de Lery*, who coming up first with the *St. Francis*, the French Captain required the Portuguese to salute him, which the latter refusing, the French gave him a Broadside, and poured a Volly of Small Shot into him, which killed 17 Portuguese, and wounded 30: The Portuguese Frigats returned their Broadsides, but in conclusion saluted the French, and came in here to give an account of what had happened: The News of which being spread abroad, it so exasperated the Common People, that they went in numbers to the Houses of the French Envoy and Consul, and treated them with opprobrious and threatning Language, insomuch that the Prince thought fit to send a Party of Horse to disperse them. The next day the French Envoy went to Court, lamented the Accident, and assured his Highness that the King his Master would give him satisfaction by chastising the Captain with all severity. In the mean time the Captains of the two Men of War are secured, and will be proceeded against at a Council of War.

Rome, Octob. 2. The 29th past died Cardinal *Albricio* in the 71 year of his age; so that there are now 21 places vacant in the Colledge of Cardinals. It is believed that there will be a Promotion about *Christmas*. Prince *Radzeville* the Polish Ambassador is still here, but so ill, that it's feared he will hardly return to *Poland*. The Cardinal *d'Estrée* is expected here about the middle of the next month from *France*, to endeavour to compose the Matters in difference between that Court and this.

Milan, Octob. 16. We have advice that the French King is going to reinforce the Garrison of *Pignerol* to 6000 Men; and that *Dauphiné* is full of Troops, which gives us here a Jealousie of the French Designs. The Duke of *Mantoua* has been very ill, but is pretty well again.

Madrid, Octob. 17. The ninth Instant, about seven in the morning, happened an Earthquake, which having been hardly ever before heard of in these parts, did very much terrifie People, who were already disturbed with the great Floods, and other Accidents that have lately happened in an extraordinary manner. The King and Queen are at present at the Escurial, where they divert themselves chiefly with Hunting. The Court is much concerned at the advice it receives from *Flanders*, that certain Ships fitted out by order of the Elector of *Brandenburg* had taken a very rich Ship belonging to this Crown in the Road of *Ostend*: The Bankers it's said have undertaken to remit the 200 thousand Crowns mentioned in our last to the Governour of the Spanish Netherlands, being, as we are told, chiefly designed for the paying of the Militia.

Linz, Octob. 22. The 17th Instant dyed here Prince *Montecuculi*, his Command of Lieutenant-General of all the Emperors Forces, his Imperial Majesty has given to the Duke of *Lorrain*: that of Velt-Marshal is conferred on Prince *Herman* of *Baden*; and his Regiment is given to Prince *Hermans* Son; but the Presidentship of the Council of War is not yet disposed of. The new Levies, as well of Horse as Foot are begun, and the Moneys for that Service are Assigned. Yesterday the Empress Dowager and Queen of *Poland* parted from hence for *Vienna*; and this day the Duke of *Lorrain* is returned to *Inspruck*.

Heydelberg, Octob. 26. The 24th Instant our present Elector arrived here; he has appointed a general Fast to be observed through his Territories, for the imploring the Divine Benediction upon his Person and Government.

Strasburg, Octob. 27. We have an account from *Brisac*, that the Soveraign Council has made an Order for the Demolishing the Castles of *Lichtenberg*, *Fleckenstein*, *Catharinenburg*, *Schonecken*, *Madenburg*, and *Falkenburg*; and at the same time we understand that Directions are given for the working on the new Fortifications that are making on the Frontiers of *Lorrain*, with all the diligence possible. We are expecting here our Bishop, who we hear is arrived at *Mentz*. It is said that he has assured the Emperour, that he has not any intention of making use of the Assistance of the French King for the obtaining satisfaction in the Pretensions he has upon this City; but that he desires rather the same may be adjusted by the help of the Emperours Interposition. The Duke of *Mompelgard* refuses hitherto to submit to the Summons, concerning his doing Homage to the French King.

Cologne, Octob. 29. The Bishop of *Strasburg* is at *Mentz*, where he is very kindly entertained by the Elector. Prince *William* of *Furstemberg* continues to employ his Interest here in order to the obtaining the Coadjutorship for the said Bishop; but hitherto the Elector is very averse to the thoughts of it. From *Alsace* they write, that the French having without any molestation possessed themselves of the Soveraignty of *Alsace*, are going to exercise it, by causing several Castles, which they